

CLAIMS

We claim:

1 1. A wastepaper basketball basket, comprising:
2 an upright barrier including front and rear sides, the front
3 side having a pocket defined therein;
4 a cylindrical container having a peripheral wall extending
5 between an open end and a closed end, the open end having a rim
6 positioned about its periphery;
7 an arm extending from the rim, the arm having a horizontal
8 portion extending radially outward from the rim for spacing said
9 cylindrical container apart from said barrier, and an angled
10 portion detachably inserted in said pocket; and
11 means for detachably mounting the wastepaper basketball
12 basket upon a vertical support surface;
13 wherein wastepaper is directed through said open end both
14 directly and upon rebound from said barrier.

1 2. The wastepaper basketball basket according to claim 1,
2 wherein said means for detachably mounting the wastepaper
3 basketball basket upon a vertical support surface comprises at
4 least one hook attached to the rear side of said barrier.

1 3. The wastepaper basketball basket according to claim 1,
2 wherein the closed end of said container is defined by a fixed
3 bottom portion fixedly attached to the peripheral wall.

1 4. The wastepaper basketball basket according to claim 1,
2 further comprising:

3 a peripheral ledge disposed about a lower edge of the
4 peripheral wall of said container; and

5 a detachable bottom removably positioned on said
6 peripheral ledge and defining the closed end.

1 5. The wastepaper basketball basket according to claim 4,
2 wherein said detachable bottom further includes a plurality of
3 tabs positioned about its periphery.

1 6. The wastepaper basketball basket according to claim 1,
2 wherein said arm, said cylindrical container, and said barrier are
3 made from a thermoplastic material.

1 7. The wastepaper basketball basket according to claim 1,
2 wherein said arm, said cylindrical container, and said barrier are
3 made from fiberglass.

1 8. The wastepaper basketball basket according to claim 1,
2 wherein said cylindrical container and said barrier are shaped to
3 resemble a basketball net and backboard respectively.

1 9. The wastepaper basketball basket according to claim 1,
2 wherein said cylindrical container has apertures defined therein
3 in order to simulate the appearance of a basketball net.